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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:  
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Title: ELECTRONIC SETTLEMENT SYSTEM, SETTLEMENT APPARATUS, AND  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 2, 2003, the period for reply being extended by Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, below the title insert the following new paragraph:

*a1*  
This application is a continuation of PCT/JP99/04178, filed August 2, 1999 and PCT/JP00/02015, filed March 29, 2000, both of which designated the United States. The entire contents of these applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

Page 1, delete the whole paragraph starting in line 10 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

*a2*  
The present invention relates to an electronic settlement system, a settlement apparatus, and its terminal. In particular, the present invention relates to an electronic settlement system and a settlement apparatus, which may perform a settlement of a